## UNSTARRED QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

*Cultivation of food in the Thovala taluk.*

1. MR. A. P. UDAYABHANU *(Karunagapalli* cum *Kartikapalli)* : Will the Government be pleased to state :

*(a)* whether they have allotted 1,500 acres in the Thovala taluk for cultivation of food ;

*(b)* what is the nature of the land allotted ;

*(c)* what are the kinds of food crops expected to be grown there ;

*(d)* what are the terms of the grant ; and

*(e)* whether the Government have taken any similar steps in Central and North Travancore ?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER : *(a)* Yes, the area allotted is 22,802 acres 38 cents.

*(b)* Mala poramboke, Forest Reserves and sites ear-marked for registry to the Backward communities.

*(c)* Tapioca and other root crops, bananas etc.

*(d)* The usual conditions of the Kuthagapattom grant, the period of lease being three years.

*(e)* Instructions have been issued to the Division Peishkars concerned to arrange for all available lands where single or double crops of paddy or tapioca or other food crops could be raised, being leased out to bona fide cultivators on favourable terms for a period of 3 years with a view to bringing such lands under food crops.

*Agricultural Labour.*

2. MR. KADAKAVOOR P. MADHAVAN *(Chirayinkil* cum *Nedumangad)*: Will the Government be pleased to state whether they are aware of the fact that there is an increase in the cost of agricultural labour in the State ?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER : Yes.

*Political Reforms.*

3. MR. K. VARGHESE ITHAC *(Vaikom* cum *Kottayam)* : Will the Government be pleased to state whether the proposed political reforms would take shape during the course of the year 1122 ?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER : Most probably, yes.

*Shortage of food-grains etc.*

4. MR. M. K. NILAKANTAN: Will the Government be pleased to state :

*(a)* whether there is a possibility of shortage in the food-grains, sugar and kerosene in the transportation, stocking and distribution ;

*(b)* if the answer to part (a) is in the affirmative the percentage of shortage allowed in the Government godowns, stockists, authorised wholesale and retail merchants ;

*(c)* whether there is any rule to allow shortage;

*(d)* if the answer to part (c) is in the negative, whether there are instructions to the supervising authorities to allow reasonable shortage ;

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[ Mr. M. K. Nilakantan ]

*(e)* what is the percentage of shortage allowed to the Proverthicars and Accountants when they purchase paddy in each taluk;

*(f)* whether some of them have claimed very high percentage of shortage; and

*(g)* whether such shortage is allowed to the wholesale merchants when they were empowered to purchase paddy?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER : *(a)* Yes (in respect of foodgrains.)

*(b)* No percentage has been fixed so far in respect of imported foodgrains.

*(c)* No.

*(d)* No. Certain applications for allowing shortage have been received and are under consideration.

*(e)* Shortage (due to dryage) varying from 1/2 to 2 per cent. is ordinarily allowed with due regard to the variety of paddy purchased and stored, the time of purchase, period of shortage, etc. Dryage above 2 per cent. will be allowed only for special reasons and on specific recommendations.

*(f)* No.

*(g)* No.

*Theft cases.*

5. MR. K. VARGHESE ITHAC: Will the Government be pleased to state the number of theft cases registered during the previous three years and in how many cases the stolen property has been recovered and thieves identified?

MR. S. PARTHASARTHY AIYANGAR :

| *Year.* | *No. of cases registered.* | | *Cases in which property recovered and thieves identified..* |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1118 | 1497 | ... | 1152 |
| 1119 | 1217 | ... | 672 |
| 1120 | 1033 | ... | 717 |
| 1121 up to 11/21 | 1039 | ... | 641 |

*Revenue from the mineral sands of Karunagapalli.*

6. MR. A. P. UDAYABHANU: Will the Government be pleased to state the amount of revenue they derive from the mineral sands of Karunagapalli taluk?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER: Separate figures are not available regarding the revenue realised from the mineral sands of the Karunagapalli taluk. The total revenue realised from mineral sands in the State during 1120 was Rs. 4,39,166 and the estimated revenue for 1121 is Rs. 6 lakhs.

*Head Clerks in the Registration Department.*

7. MR. K. VARGHESE ITHAC: Will the Government be pleased to state:

*(a)* the years of service put in on an average by those who have been promoted and appointed in the place of those reverted Head clerks; and

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